



**COUNTY OF PLACER
FISH & GAME COMMISSION**

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**PLACER COUNTY
FISH & GAME COMMISSION
Minutes**

TIME/DATE: 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2013

**LOCATION: PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM
Community Development Resource Agency, DeWitt Center, Auburn
3091 County Center Drive (corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive),**

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I. CALL TO ORDER – Gary Flanagan, Chairperson

II. ROLL CALL – Mark Fowler, Mickey Daniels, Kari Freidig, Gregg McKenzie

Absent: Don Gould, Gary Flanagan

III. Approval of agenda for February 27, 2012 and minutes for January 23, 2012

Commissioner Fowler motioned to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion.

All commissioners voted to accept the agenda.

Commissioner McKenzie motioned to accept the minutes from January 23, 2012.

Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion

All voting commissioners voted to accept the minutes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than three (3) minutes. ***No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment***

None.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Budget Update – Ed King

Expenditures for FY 12/13, through January 31, 2013, total \$4236.67 including, \$960.00 in commissioner's fees, \$500.00 in secretary fees, \$888.58 in mileage reimbursement and \$1500.00 in grant awards.

Revenues through January 31, 2013 total \$825.13, including \$738.42 in fine monies and \$86.71 in interest. A total of \$1,200.00 was budgeted for the fiscal year.

Commissioners discussed the possibility that the county may not fund the upcoming year's meeting expenses. Based on Fish and Game Code, only a portion of fine money can be used for operating expenses. The County Executive Office is proposing to fund \$3000 from the general fund next year for commission operating expenses. The cost of additional operating expenses would be covered by use of reserve funds or limiting the number of meetings held per year. Commissioners agreed to discuss the issue with their supervisors and withhold any action until the March meeting.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS

A. Commission Updates

None.

B. California Department of Fish & Wildlife

None.

C. Nevada Irrigation District – Sue Sindt

None.

Non-Action Items

VII. Presentation: Judith Lamare, President, Friends of the Swainson's Hawk. Current status of the Swainson's Hawk, habitat, and conservation goals in Placer County.

Placer County is part of the habitat of the Swainson's hawk.

They share the same habitat as the red tail hawk.

The larger population is on the eastern side of the Sierras and west of the Mississippi.

California Swainsons mostly migrate to Mexico and Central America. The ones east of the Sierras migrate to Argentina.

Central California populations listed as threatened. There are two laws that protect the species.

Friends of the Swainson's Hawk was founded in 1994. They are a 100% volunteer organization.

Range and farmland are the important habitat for the Swainson's hawk. Work very closely with the DFW.

Most of their work is with local governments to get up to state standards in regards to Swainson's hawks. The organization is very concerned about cities expanding into farmlands, like Elk Grove.

They partner with another organization called, RATS (Raptors are the Solution)

The last survey in western Placer County was in 2001, there were seven nesting pairs at that time. Placer Land Trust and Placer Legacy are participating in preservation in the county.

Commissioner Freidig talked about a large development in Lincoln, called Village 1. It is east of Lincoln just off Highway 195. Not sure if that is Swainson's Hawk habitat. The EIR is in process.

Habitat mitigation is not a long-term solution.

Jay Steele – RATS

RATS is 501(c)(3) organization working mostly in the bay area. They ask retailers in the bay area to remove from sale rodenticides that cause issues with raptors. Typically, these poisons build up in the animal before killing them. Young birds target the slower/sick mice and those are the ones poisoned.

They research and monitor products. They have had the "Better House Keeping" logo removed from the boxes of some products. They put up barn owl boxes in fields. Eight cities in the bay area have asked retailers to remove poisons from sale.

Action Items

VIII. Vote: fund plaques for 2 past Placer County Fish & Game Commissioners

Commissioner Fowler motioned to spend not more than \$100 for two service appreciation awards for past commissioners Rob Haswell and Ron Salter.

Commissioner Freidig seconded the motion.

All present commissioners voted for the motion - motion passed.

X. ADJOURNMENT at 7:50

XI. Next meeting - Wednesday March 27, 2012